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Remarks

The foregoing amendments are responsive to the October 3, 2002, Office Action. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Response to Rejection of Claim 1

Applicants have canceled Claim 1 in response to the Examiner's rejection in the Office Action dated January 15, 2002.

New Claims 31-52

Applicants have added Claims 31-52. Applicants believe that Claims 31-52 are patentably distinct over the prior art, and Applicants request allowance of Claims 31-52.

Response to Non-Responsive Objection Under M.P.E.P. § 821.03

The Examiner asserts that the previous response to the Office Action, dated January 15, 2002, was non-responsive under M.P.E.P. § 821.03. Applicants have filed herewith a request for a Continuing Prosecution Application (CPA) and the associated fee therewith in order to traverse this objection.

Summary

Applicants respectfully assert that Claims 31-52 are in condition for allowance, and Applicants request allowance of Claims 31-52. If there are any remaining issues that can be resolved by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (949) 721-6305 or at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,
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